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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
Nova Scotia Agricultural College
Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada
19 June 1990

The annual business meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) was called to order at 4:35 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, by President Cleve Willis. The minutes of the 20 June 1989 annual meeting were approved as printed and distributed to the membership in volume 18, number 2 (October 1989 issue) of the *Northeastern Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Mary Templeton, secretary-treasurer, reported general fund income of \$9,289.42 (membership dues, page charges, interest, and donations) plus a beginning balance of \$10,907.12 and expenses of \$12,876.97 (*Journal* printing costs and awards), leaving a cash balance of \$7,310.57 plus \$9,505.85 accounts receivable as of 5 June 1990.

The receipts of the NAREA Special Fund were \$161.20 from interest. There was a beginning balance of \$2,459.33, and there were no expenditures, leaving a cash balance of \$2,620.53 as of 5 June 1990.

Gerald Cole made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded by John Gates and the motion passed.

Membership Report

Mary Templeton, secretary-treasurer, presented the following membership information as of 5 June 1990: 299 regular members, 52 student members, 42 honorary life members, and 13 distinguished members for a total membership of 393. The secretary-treasurer indicated total membership was down 25 members from last year.

Editor's Report

Loren Tauer, editor, reported that volume 19, number 1 (the April issue) of the *Northeastern Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (NJARE)* is being published at Heffernan Press and should be distributed by the first week of July. He circulated a list of manuscripts that are included in the spring issue. He had received thirty-four papers as of 14 June 1990. Twenty-two were received for the April 1990 issue, so the implied acceptance rate is 32%. However, some articles not making the spring issue may be revised and accepted, so the acceptance rate could approach 50%.

The acceptance rate and reviewer list for 1990 will be published in the October 1990 issue.

Editor Tauer reported on a special section of the April 1991 issue on the "Effects of Agricultural Production on Environmental Quality." A notice of the special issue appeared in the AAEA newsletter, the April 1990 *NJARE*, and was sent to every agricultural economics department chairman and others (regional editors, resource economics groups). He encouraged members to submit papers for the *Journal*.

Editor Tauer investigated the procedure to be included in the Social Science Citation Index; to be included, the *NJARE* must be cited in the current "core" group of 1,500 journals. He reported that the *NJARE* has received an ISSN number of 0899-367X,

Auditor's Report

President Willis presented the auditor's report since no member of the Audit Committee was present. A motion was made by Steven Hastings to accept the report. The motion was seconded by James Hildreth and passed. The financial report submitted to the membership at this meeting by Mary Templeton, treasurer for the NAREA, was found to be a true and accurate reporting of the items shown in the accounting records, bank statements, and the checkbook balances as of 5 June 1990. The Audit Committee consisted of Dennis Smith (chairman), Robert Jack, and Gerard D'Souza (all of West Virginia University).

Nomination Committee Report

John Malone, chairman (Pennsylvania State University), thanked all nominees who participated in the election process. Chairman Malone reported on the results of the election as follows: Olan Forker (Cornell University), president-elect; Steven Hastings (University of Delaware), secretary-treasurer; and Michele Marra (University of Maine) and John Halstead (University of New Hampshire), the new three-year board of director members. He reported 400 ballots were mailed (340 viable candidates, 50 are libraries) and 129 were returned—a 37.9% return because 10 were undelivered. Donald Epp and John Malone (Pennsylvania State University) served as tellers.

Master's Thesis Awards Committee

Catherine Halbrendt presented the Master's Thesis Awards Committee report for Chairman James Opal-

uch. The committee consisted of six members: James Opaluch (Rhode Island), Catherine Halbrendt (Delaware), Spiro Stefano (Pennsylvania), David Storey (Massachusetts), Steven Deller (Maine), and Wayne Gineo (Connecticut).

From the evaluation results, the committee's consensus resulted in the following awards:

Outstanding Master's Thesis of 1990: Steven Shultz, "Willingness to Pay for Ground-water Protection in Dover, NH: A Contingent Valuation Approach," University of New Hampshire, Bruce Lindsay, advisor.

Master's Thesis Award of Merit: John Duncan, "Government Intervention and Welfare: The Philippine Sugar Case," Rutgers University, Rigoberto Lopez, advisor,

In general, the committee feels that although the number of theses submitted was somewhat low, their quality was outstanding. This competition will continue to be an important component of the NAREA mission.

Distinguished Member and Honorary Life Member Awards Committee

John Foster, chairman (University of Massachusetts), Wesley Musser (Pennsylvania State University), and Bernard F. Stanton (Cornell University) reported that Billy Lessley (University of Maryland) and James Dunn (Pennsylvania State University) were recipients of the Distinguished Member Awards. These awards will be presented to the recipients at the Awards Luncheon. There were no nominations for the Honorary Life Member Award.

Membership Committee Report

Michele Marra, chairman (University of Maine), John Halstead (University of New Hampshire), and Boris E. Bravo-Ureta (University of Connecticut) reported that the committee is recruiting industry persons from New York, Maine, Delaware, and Nova Scotia.

1991 NAREA Annual Meeting

Edmund Jansen (University of New Hampshire) extended an invitation to members to New Hampshire for the 1991 annual meetings, 17-19 June 1991.

Resolutions Committee

Bruce Lindsay, chairman, and John Halstead of the Resolutions Committee moved the following resolutions be adopted by the association:

"Be it resolved that the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association express

its sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff, and students of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College for hosting the 1990 Annual Meeting. Special recognition and thanks are extended to Rollie Hayman, local arrangements chairperson, and his committee."

"Be it further resolved that President-Elect Billy Lessley and Marilyn Altobello, chairperson of the Selected Papers and Symposia Committee, be recognized for their efforts in arranging the program for this year's meeting."

The Resolutions Committee requests that copies of this resolution be sent to the appropriate administrative officers at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The motion was seconded by William Tomek and passed.

President's Comments

President Willis congratulated the new directors, John Halstead and Michele Marra. He congratulated Steven Hastings, the new secretary-treasurer, and indicated a special appreciation for his willingness to serve again, already having given so much to our association as its president a brief time ago. He welcomed Olan Forker as president-elect and assured him that with the wonderfully supportive nature of the membership, its committees, and officers, his three years would be more a pleasure than a burden.

President Willis thanked Ron Cotterill, Doug Morris, and Emilio Pagoulatos for their willingness to serve the NAREA. He then asked for and received a hearty round of applause for outgoing secretary-treasurer, Mary Templeton. Her service, he said, had been long, extraordinary, and unique. We owe her much for her many years of selfless service.

Appreciation was also expressed to outgoing directors Don Epp and Steve Reiling, and Past-President John Malone, whose fine example made President Willis' job so much easier. Rollie Hayman and Billy Lessley were congratulated on producing an outstanding program for the 1990 meetings. The imaginary gavel was then symbolically handed to Bill Lessley, the new president of NAREA.

Billy Lessley thanked Cleve Willis for his leadership and Marilyn Altobello for chairing the Selected Papers Committee. He solicited volunteers for NAREA committee appointments, nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Life Member Awards, and items for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Templeton
Secretary/Treasurer